



## AUGUST TRIP TO DUMBARTON BRIDGE AND POINT

The morning overcast on August 15 cleared away to provide very comfortable, sunny weather in the south part of San Francisco Bay for the more than 50 members and guests participating in the field trip to Dumbarton Bridge. The salt ponds immediately adjacent to the KGO transmitter, our meeting place, were practically devoid of birds; but a number of white birds could be seen at the distant Caspian Tern colony. Hence the group decided to undertake the 2 2/3-mile round-trip hike to the colony, along a dike between salt ponds. On the way we noted that nearly all the phalaropes were feeding on one particular salt pond, west of the tern colony, in which small brine shrimp, water boatmen, and brine flies were exceedingly numerous.

Although the nesting season was so nearly over that we did not expect to find many young terns, about 20 to 30 were still there; and approximately 50 adults hovered about us and scolded with their usual hoarse "wear-ów" calls. A count on May 14 by Cogswell and assistants revealed 499 nests here mostly with eggs. Now, on August 15, most of the remaining young were able to walk and swim away from us; but a group of volunteer runners succeeded in capturing five of them before they were far afloat (one was still in the "nest"). These were banded and released.

After returning to KGO the group gathered at the east end of Dumbarton Bridge itself, overlooking the bay. During lunch here we enjoyed close views of about 50 White Pelicans, flying over in small flocks. Undaunted by the previous walking, nearly every one then joined in a 2 1/3-mile round-trip walk southward along the bay shore to the Southern Pacific Railroad at Dumbarton Point, from where a view of the nearly square mile of salt marshes was obtained, (see "The Gull", December, 1953). One Clapper Rail was flushed, just as 6 persons entered the marsh; at least three were heard later in the afternoon from the narrower marshes bordering Newark Slough by Coyote Hills.

The following 44 species were recorded in the areas mentioned, or in nearby field and roadside areas (numbers over 5 listed for most species are estimates): Pied-billed Grebe, 6; White Pelican, 300; Double-crested Cormorant, 3; Great Blue Heron, 3; Am. Egret, 2; Black-crowned Night Heron, 2; Mallard, 1; Pintail, 120; Dabbling Ducks, unidentified (probably Am. Widgeon), 25; Turkey Vulture, 4; White-tailed Kite, 1 (in field E. of bridge ap-

proach); Red-tailed Hawk, 1; Marsh Hawk, 3; Sparrow Hawk, 6; Ring-necked Pheasant, 2; Clapper Rail, 4; Coot, 1; Killdeer, 12; Black-bellied Plover, several; Black Turnstone, 10; Willet, 150; Greater Yellow-legs, 1; Least Sandpiper, 20; Western Sandpiper, 30; Marbled Godwit, 120; Avocet, 30 (3 large young; also hundreds of adults in salt ponds S. of Alvarado); Northern Phalarope, 8000; Calif. Gull, 40; Ring-billed Gull, 30; Gulls, unidentified, many in distance; Forster Tern, 150; Caspian Tern, 80 (incl. young); Mourning Dove, several; Belted Kingfisher, 2; Black Phoebe, 2; Barn Swallow, many; Cliff Swallow, many (some still going to nests under bridge); Loggerhead Shrike 7; House Sparrow, many; West. Meadowlark, several; Red-winged Blackbird, many; Brewer Blackbird, many; House Finch, many; Savannah Sparrow, several; Song Sparrow, 15. In addition, several of the observers who went home "the long way" via Alviso saw Dowitcher, Black-necked Stilt, Burrowing Owl, Violet-green Swallow, Mockingbird, Yellow Warbler, Yellowthroat, American Goldfinch, and Lesser (Greenbacked) Goldfinch in that area.

— HOWARD L. COGSWELL, *Leader and Historian*.

## AUGUST TRIP TO REDWOOD CANYON

On Saturday, August 28, the group of 23 met at Orchard Picnic Area in Redwood Regional Park. We were favored by perfect weather, sunny and just warm enough. After looking over the area around the meeting place and picking up a few stragglers, we proceeded up the Stream Trail through the redwoods; part of the group got to Tres Sendas (a trail junction) before turning back. Several brown creepers were seen and one was heard singing. One winter wren was heard calling but was seen by only one or two of the group. Warblers were scarce and migrants were apparently absent. Thirty species were observed, as follows: Turkey Vulture, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Red-tailed Hawk, Calif. Quail, Red-shafted Flicker, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, Western Flycatcher, Steller Jay, Scrub Jay, Chestnut-backed Chickadee, Plain Titmouse, Bush-tit, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Brown Creeper, Wren-tit, Winter Wren, Bewick Wren, Hutton Vireo, Solitary Vireo (in song), Orange-crowned Warbler, Macgillivray Warbler, Black-capped (Pileolated) Warbler, House Finch, American Goldfinch, Lesser Goldfinch, Spotted Towhee, Brown Towhee, Oregon Junco, Song Sparrow.

— A. LAURENCE CURL, *Leader and Historian*.

## PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE OFFICIAL ADDRESS OF THE SOCIETY

The National Audubon Society permits us to use in our official constitution the address of its Pacific Coast Office which is now located at 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley 4, Alameda County, California. Because this location is in a different county an amendment of our Articles of Incorporation is necessary, in order to change the official address of the Golden Gate Audubon Society, Inc. Action upon this proposed amendment will be taken in the regular meeting on November 11th.

— DOROTHY DEAN SCOTT, *President*.

## ANNUAL SEPTEMBER GARDEN SUPPER MEETING

On September 9th, nearly two hundred members and guests enjoyed the annual supper meeting in the lovely garden of Dr. and Mrs. T. Eric Reynolds in Piedmont. High lights of summer birding were given by members who had visited different areas, including Alaska, Europe, Dinosaur National Monument, Mount Lassen, the High Sierra, St. Louis, Isle Royale (Michigan), and the Grand Canyon. Dr. and Mrs. Harold C. Bryant, who are now living in Orinda, were our guests of honor. Nearly \$230. was cleared for our Camper-ship Fund. The success of this occasion was due to the help given by a number of workers, including a group of Junior Audubon members under the leadership of Herb Wong. For the second year the Nescafe Company generously supplied coffee for the supper.

**NEW MEMBERS.** We welcome to our membership the following: from Alameda, Robert F. Farrington, Jr.; from Albany, Mrs. Rioha Rizzio; from Auburn, Mrs. Margaret M. Johnson; from Berkeley, Albert E. Castello, Miss Dorothy L. Chandler, Alan Craig, Miss Mabelle E. Groshong, Miss Minnie E. Groshong, Miss Kathleen M. Johnson, Mrs. Louise M. Kostainsek, Miss Martha G. Lane, Mrs. Gilbert N. Lewis, Miss Leona McGann, Miss Rose Marie Pischel, Mrs. Louise H. Prescott, Miss Lelah M. Reynolds, Miss Ellen E. Selkirk, Miss Irene Ray Wilson; from Corte Madera, Miss Anita B. Davis; from El Cerrito, Mrs. C. N. Harden; from Hayward, Mrs. Leona G. Allen, Mrs. Jacob Harder; from Kentfield, Miss Martha Hayne; from Menlo Park, Miss Ruth Kapelsky; from Mill Valley, John C. Mason; from Oakland, Arthur E. Bayce, Mrs. E. G. Beck, Mrs. Mabelle D. Bowman, Sidney Freitas, Jr., Mrs. Violet G. Homen, Charles B. Jones, Mrs. F. H. Mick, Mrs. C. T. Morton, Miss Bess M. Pangburn; from Piedmont, Mrs. Frank E. Sullivan; from Richmond, Lewis G. Karcher; from San Anselmo, Mrs. Cole Jackman; from San Francisco, Mrs. P. M. Abel, Dr. George Bates, Miss Olive M. Birks, Mrs. M. F. Brigham, Mrs. Lewis G. Carpenter, Miss Joane Crane, Miss Winifred Donahue, Miss Mary Kartsounis, Mrs. Wawona Knaflich, Mrs. Blanche R. Mack, James Maillard, Miss Mary Means, R. H. Menzies, Mrs. Lyman B. Miller, Clifford A. Nelson, Mrs. Janet Nickelsburg, Miss Blanche E. Nilson, Mrs. Samuel I. Roland, Mrs. Meta Rothschild, Miss Louise Schwamm, Mrs. Sigmund Stern, Mrs. B. S. Sturtevant, Miss Jane Taylor, Joseph S. Thompson; from San Rafael, Walter I. Baldwin, Miss Deane Fisher, Miss Margaret King; from Santa Barbara, Ralph M. Colcord; from Walnut Creek, Robert H. Perry; from Woodside, George W. Fuller; from Danville, Ill., Gerald Royalty; from Kalamazoo, Mich., Mrs. Lindsay Campbell; from Santa Fe, N.M., Miss Carol Reyfisch; from Denman Island, British Columbia, Canada, Perry R. H. Marshall.

**SPORTS ILLUSTRATED**—No. 2 (August 23, 1954) of this new magazine has an article on pages 53 - 54 "You Should Know—If You Are Going To Take Up Bird Watching" which gives advice to beginners on books, binoculars, clothes, etc.

**AUDUBON OFFICE OPEN HOUSE.** Members of the Golden Gate Audubon Society are cordially invited to attend the open house of the new Pacific Coast Office of the National Audubon Society at 2426 Bancroft Way, Berkeley, on Thursday, September 30, anytime between 3 and 8.



## OCTOBER MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held in the Morrison Auditorium of the California Academy of Sciences, in Golden Gate Park, on Thursday, October 14th, at 7:30 p.m. This will be an open meeting to which have been invited the members of other kindred societies in the Bay area. Dr. A. Starker Leopold, well known authority in the field of wildlife management, will talk on the subject "The Balance of Nature Concept". Do come and bring several friends!

— MRS. BUDD J. SMITH, *Program Committee*.

## OCTOBER TRIP TO ROSS AND THE MARIN LAKES

On Sunday, October 10, meet at the Fire Station in Ross at 9:00 a.m. From San Francisco take Greyhound Bus at 7th and Mission at 7:55 a.m. The birding will include Phoenix Lake, and for the more ambitious, Lagunitas and Bon Tempe Lakes. Migrants and winter residents should be present in some numbers, including possibly the American and Hooded mergansers. Leader, A. Laurence Curl. Bring telescope, binoculars, lunch and interested friends.

## OCTOBER TRIP TO TILDEN PARK, BERKELEY

On Saturday, October 30, meet at the Summit Reservoir on Spruce Street, Berkeley, at 9:00 a.m. Take #67 bus at Shattuck and University at 8:22 a.m. We will visit Jewel Lake and the Nature Museum. Leader, Arthur H. Myer. Bring binoculars, lunch if desired, and interested friends.

— FRANK A. SCOTT, *Chairman, Field Trips Committee*.

SCREEN TOURS FOR 1954-1955. The five lectures will be held as usual in the Berkeley High School Little Theatre. Admission by season ticket only, \$3.50 for the series. Tickets are obtainable from Miss Doris Brenneman, 1740 Walnut Street, Berkeley 9 (phone AS. 3-0607 after 6:00 p.m.). The first lecture will be on Tuesday, October 26, "Wanderland", by William H. Wagoner.

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